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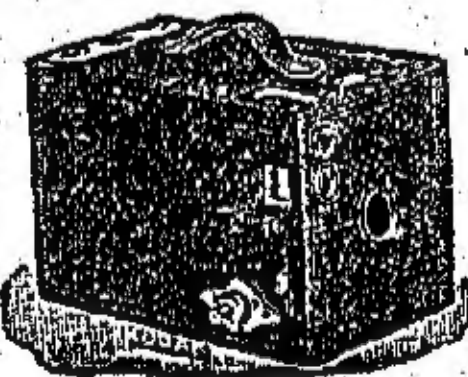
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securing a conviction. In the case mentioned, there seems to have been no doubt that a prosecution was justified. The defendant's Consul had practically admitted it previously; but like other foreign Consuls at Shanghai, he appeared to consider that his correct rôle was that of counsel for the defence. The Municipal Council is thus placed in a very anomalous position. It is practically the authority appointed of the people, by the people, for the people; but as its *locus standi* is not beyond all question, its decisions and actions in many instances can readily be overruled by a body of officials, who in turn can do little without ministerial advice from Peking. All this does not alter the also notorious fact that the Shanghai Municipal Council is not a particularly wise or able body. In this prosecution referred to, the house proceeded against is outside the municipal boundary, and an impartial observer has to conclude that the Council had in view the question of revenue as well as the question of morality. It is decidedly quaint to hear high-toned pronouncements of the evils of gambling from an authority which permits lotteries and other gambling affairs to be openly conducted within its precincts. It is also discreditable that a body which issues licences to and receives payment from immoral institutions within its borders should lay stress on the fact that the bad characters it shelters frequent the hotel outside, which was the object of its recent attentions. There was a serious allegation recently, during the crusade of social purity, that certain proceedings had been dropped in order to avert a scandal implicating highly-placed citizens, and to this we have as yet seen no definite reply. It must be admitted that in Hongkong, the liberty of the subject is not nearly what it is at home, and that there are insurmountable reasons for it; but the Hongkong resident appears to have not the slightest reason to envy the status of the Britisher in the so-called "Model Settlement" of Shanghai.

The exchange value of the dollar is still going up. Yesterday the demand rate was 1s. 11 3/16.

The Secretaries of the Weihaiwei Gold Mining Company have reported the results of the first month's crushing, as follows:—"1900 tons, bullion 87 ounces of gold, 59 ounces silver. Concentrates 79 ounces of gold and 468 silver."

The yachts built and under construction for the newly formed Corinthian yacht-club are:—J. Hands, *Astoria*; N. H. Donald's, *Wardah*; F. Howell's *Com*; E. F. Gibson's, *Hibernia*; R. M. Hazland's, *Nina*; M. McIver's, *Gael*.

We understand that Mr. Douglas Storey, for a short time a resident in Hongkong, and recently with the Russian Manchurian army as correspondent for the London *Daily Express*, has in preparation a book dealing with his latest war experiences.

Acting upon a recommendation forwarded by the Captain-Superintendent of Police, the Shanghai Council addressed the Russian Consul-General and requested that arrangements be made by the naval authorities concerned to limit the number of Russian sailors allowed shore-leave so that the possibility of disturbances, now arising from their presence in the Settlement, might be eliminated.

The Prize Court trial of the steamer *Veteran* (formerly the *Thales*), which was captured near Kishoch Bay, closed on 6th December. The Prize Court decided that the vessel should be confiscated. The captain (a German subject) and four officers (all German subjects) and 24 Chinese crew were released. The cargo aboard the steamer consisted of beef, skins and boots, etc., amounting to over one million dollars.

The *Foochow Echo* on the 3rd inst. had this item:—"Mr. C. H. Balfour, the new Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, arrived with Mrs. Balfour on Thursday by s.s. *Haitan*. We are sure that both will receive a hearty welcome from the Community. Mr. McArthur, who has been temporarily in charge since early July, leaves by return steamer for Hongkong with, we are again sure, the very best wishes of everyone attending him."

The *Universal Gazette* says that the Board of Revenue is trying to raise a foreign loan by mortgaging the likin revenue in the province of Shaansi, with the net receipt of 95 per cent. of the face value of the bonds. The loan will be raised in Belgium. The Belgian Minister at Peking has now concluded the arrangement with Chow Erh-hsen, the President of the Board of Revenue, and the minister has wired the result of the preliminary arrangement, etc., to the syndicate of banks in Belgium.

Another explanation of the Russian fiasco in the North Sea is that a new code of signals had been arranged. The signal which formerly meant "Full steam ahead" is altered to "Submarines about"; while "Trawlers approaching" has been changed to the signal to open fire. Even in a comparatively sober fleet these sudden alterations would naturally create some confusion. The reported change of code is probably an imaginary one. "Trawlers approaching" is an unusual signal to code.

Messrs. Laclech Frères, of Paris, have acquired Stroeter's famous jewellery business in Bond Street, London.

Rumour was busy in the Colony yesterday retelling the information that telegrams had been received by Admiral Noel and several commercial houses that the Japanese army had occupied Port Arthur. The truth appears to be that no telegrams whatever of this nature were received in the Colony.

A prospectus of the chartered British Cotton-Growing Association proposes an increase of share capital (from a guarantee fund of £50,000) to £500,000. It is stated that Colonial Governments are carrying out experiments, and that the scope of the Association needs to be greatly enlarged.

As a possible indication of the route which the Baltic Fleet are taking, a cable last month from Lloyd's agent at Dakar, West Coast of Africa, is interesting. He reported that nine colliers had arrived in the roads from Porto Praga for orders. If these are destined to coal Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron, it is not improbable that the rendezvous will be kept quiet.

Mr. C. T. Gardner, C.M.G., formerly of H.B.M. Consular Service in China, has (according to the Home papers received yesterday) been elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. "Who's Who" in 1902 published his name with "C.M.G., F.R.G.S., M.R.A.S." after it. The "F.R.G.S." seems to have been an example of "intelligent anticipation."

Some time ago the Yunnan Railway Company engaged over four hundred native labourers from Chungking, and then a second batch numbering over five hundred, and a third numbering over six or seven hundred, thus making the total supply of native labourers for the railway from Szechuan reach over two thousand.

The *Foochow Echo* hears that the New Viceroy has strictly prohibited access to the City after the closing of the gates about 6:30 p.m. Hitherto it has always been possible to obtain ingress or egress by ladders and ropes, which has proved a remunerative business for those conducting it; but it is evident that this little game is stopped, at least for the present.

The Sultan of Johore's entire string of race horses is to be put up for sale to the highest bidder about the 23rd December. The pick of the bunch are his two Cup candidates, Rapid Pilgrim and Johore. The latter is an exceptionally handsome 4-year-old. Among the rest are Peppercorn, old Carrara and Guilme, all of the jumping brigade, a black horse called Domino, etc.—*Indian Field*.

The *Ceylon Times* says:—"The tea duty enhancement is, certainly not a popular tax, as 'W. F. L.' truly asserts, but we should like to ask him what reason he has for the following statement:—'Differential duties against China and Java have been proposed, but we must bear in mind that these would bring reprisals not against us but the home country.' Who is going to retaliate—Java and China? If so, how; if not, why?"

Mr. Reginald Murray, of the Calcutta Commercial Bank, has written a memorandum on the question of stamp duties and blank transfers which is being circulated by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Murray suggests that blank transfers should be given a recognised standing as legal tender, provided they are dated by the seller, and that their currency as such should be recognised for a period not exceeding three months from the date of sale, and that blank transfers undated or remaining uncompleted for more than three months shall not be recognised as legal tender.

Another most enjoyable Tennis Tournament was held at Foochow on November 26th and 27th. Up till almost the end of the afternoon on Saturday, says the *Foochow Echo*, it was an open chance between some four pairs; Mrs. Stimer and Mr. Howard (47 with one game unplayed), Miss L. Drew and Mr. Pakenham-Walsh (56), Miss Rennie and Mr. Wallace (52), and Mrs. Odell and Mr. Ardron (56). The final for the tie, between Miss L. Drew and Mr. Pakenham-Walsh, and Mrs. Odell and Mr. Ardron, was decided on Monday in favour of the former pair by 6 games to 4, or 62 games to 60 out of a possible 66. The winners and second pair were handicapped—30 and—15 respectively, and so had to concede points to every other pair. To start every game—30 is an uphill task; and hearty congratulations are due to the winners, who must have played a steady and consistent game throughout.

THE "AGINCOURT'S" CREW.

Some of the crew of the s.s. *Agincourt*, which is now being repaired at Kowloon, recently claimed wages from the owner in London, Mr. T. Lloyd of Leadenhall Street. The men signed articles for a voyage from Barry Dook to Hongkong, via the Cape. At Singapore it was announced that, instead of Hongkong, they were to sail for Nagasaki, a Japanese port. They objected, knowing that their cargo of coal was contraband. By common consent they went before the shipping master to inquire as to their position; and it was decided that they should remain behind, and the *Agincourt* sailed with a Chinese crew. The men, in the meantime, were looked after at the Sailors' Home, and were allowed two dollars a week. At the end of the fifth week this was stopped, and the men learned that the *Agincourt* had been blown ashore at Hainan Island. The men were sent home under the Distressed Seamen's Act. The Alderman decided in favour of the men, and notice of appeal was given.

The Pollard Lilliputian Company, who have been touring in Japan, are expected to re-open in Hongkong about the 23rd instant, proceeding hence to Manila.

The Admiralty have ordered the cruiser *Fearless* (Captain Vaughan Lewis) to return to England from the China Station as soon as convenient. She was commissioned three years ago.

Seldom indeed, are the strains of music to be heard within the solemn precincts of the Police Court. Yesterday, however, while Mr. Gompertz was holding an inquiry, the music of violin and piano could be distinctly heard. The musicians were playing a cake walk.

During the hearing of the inquest at the Magistrate's yesterday morning the Coroner asked a witness whether she noticed anything peculiar about the deceased. "She was very good," replied the witness. "Peace be unto her ashes," solemnly remarked a medico in attendance in an undertone.

Mr. William Stanton, who was for some years Chief Detective Inspector in the Hongkong Police force, still retains a passion for the public service. By the last Mail (yesterday's) we learn that he has been elected a member of the borough council for Liskeard, his native Cornish town, where he has made himself extremely popular. His many natural abilities fit him for the arduous work that will be demanded of him on committees and in the Council Chamber. In congratulating Liskeard on its choice, we may also wish Mr. Councillor Stanton a long and prosperous career in the civic service.

There is a Chinese rumour at Shanghai to the effect that a rich merchant from Tientsin has bought ten native junks for 50,000 taels for a certain foreigner. The same merchant is now trying to get crews amongst the desperadoes under Fan Kan-tao in Shanghai, offering high wages, and intends to load the junks with beef, mutton, rice and flour and other provisions. These junks had been presumably cleared for Chefoo, but as a matter of fact they are destined for Port Arthur. Five of the junks have already left Woosung. Another junk with provisions aboard left Woosung on the 6th instant.

THE "CALCHAS"

The captain, officers, and agents of the steamer *Calchas*, captured by the Russians in July, now in port, have refused to make any statement for publication. They have made none, they say, and intend to make none, instructions being to the contrary.

SHOCKING END TO A POLICE CHASE.

As a plain-clothes constable was walking along Sin Hing Lane last night he noticed a Chinaman whom he "wanted" on a charge of larceny. The Chinaman saw him, and ran away. The constable, accompanied by another, gave chase. The man ran into a house in the lane, closely followed by his pursuers. On reaching the second floor, the Chinaman jumped from the verandah to the ground, where he was picked up. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, and died shortly afterwards. The man's name is at present unknown. It is believed he was a man returned from banishment.

BOWLING.

HONGKONG CLUB V. CLUB GERMANIA.

The first match for the new Shield will be played on the evenings of Saturday, 17th, and Monday, 19th December, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Hongkong Club team is identically the same as that which won the old Shield outright last April. It is composed of Messrs. E. H. Hinds (Capt.), C. H. Gale, H. Hancock, and J. Hooper, and Messrs. F. Maitland, T. C. Gray, C. P. Chater, and J. W. C. Bonnar.

Mr. Hinds' team will roll on German alleys on Saturday and Mr. Maitland's on Hongkong Club alleys, and vice versa on Monday.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

GERMAN MAN-O-WAR SINKS YAU-MATI FERRY BOAT.

A collision with serious consequences occurred in the Harbour yesterday morning, when the German gun-boat *Luchs*, bound to Shanghai, rammed the Hongkong-Yau-mati ferry launch *Cheong Ching*, owned by Mr. Lo Cheuk. Shortly afterwards the *Cheong Ching* sank alongside her wharf at Hongkong. No lives were lost.

The incident happened at about 10:20 a.m., the *Cheong Ching* at the time being bound from Yau-mati to Hongkong. She was on the southern side of the central fairway, nearing her destination. The German gun-boat rammed her on her port side, near the boiler. As the launch went full speed ahead towards the shore the Germans did not lower any boats. Water gained rapidly on the little craft, and she sank alongside her wharf about three minutes after her arrival there. The passengers, 45 in number, all managed to scramble on shore before the launch went down. The *Cheong Ching* is a 35-ton launch.

During day-time a red flag will be displayed over the place where she is submerged, and a red light at night.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION TREATY.

LONDON, 13th December.
The Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty was signed by Secretary Hay and Sir H. M. Durand, Ambassador at Washington.

Our telegram yesterday should, obviously, have read that Lords Elgin and Kinnear, and Sir Ralph Anstruther, were appointed as the Royal Commission to consider the position of the Scottish churches with respect to their endowments.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RIOTING IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 12th December.
Rioting occurred in St. Petersburg on Sunday, by organised revolutionary Socialists, not by Liberal reformers. Another demonstration is expected on Tuesday, when the trial of M. Plehve's assassin will begin.

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LONDON, 12th December.
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RIOTS AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD FIELDS.

LONDON, 12th December.
The Chinese coolies, yesterday, attacked the Kafirs at the Witwatersrand mine; four were killed and thirty-three wounded.

DROWNING FATALITY.

At the Magistrate's yesterday morning Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz held an inquiry into the cause of death of a Chinese female, Ying Shut, who was found drowned in the harbour on the 28th November last. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. F. Kilien (Foreman), C. E. A. Hance and C. Shuttinbach. The Coroner informed the jury that deceased was found floating in the harbour on the 28th ultimo. She was identified as having been a servant in the house of a respectable Chinaman, who stated that she had shown on various occasions an extraordinary demeanour. Deceased had previously attempted to commit suicide, after which she was sent to the Government Civil Hospital as an outpatient and treated there. The first witness called was Chang Shui Kai, the employer, who said she was slightly deranged. She had been a servant in his house for fourteen years, and usually appeared to be happy and contented. On a previous occasion she had tried to commit suicide by jumping into a tub of water, head first, when the man pulled her out. She was laughing at the time. Further witnesses were called, whose testimony went to prove that the deceased was of unsound mind. P.C. No. 88 gave evidence as to the finding of the body in the harbour near Bank Wharf on the 30th ultimo, and Dr. Hunter said he made a post-mortem examination of the body, and found that deceased had met her death by drowning.

The verdict of the jury was "Found drowned."

JURORS IN TROUBLE.

Messrs Barlow and H. Kempf appeared before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Magistrate's yesterday morning to explain why they absented themselves from an inquest after having received a summons to attend. Mr. Barlow said he had made a mistake as to the date of the inquiry. As he had written a letter of apology to Mr. Melbourne, Chief Clerk at the Magistrate's, the Coroner accepted it.

Mr. Kempf said he had forgotten all about the inquiry. The Coroner: It is very inconvenient if jurors do not turn up, and the inquiry has to be postponed. I made no public mention of the matter at the time, because, when a gentleman forgets it is usual for him to write an apology to Mr. Melbourne.

Mr. Kempf: I was taken up with rather important business, and the inquiry quite slipped my memory.

The Coroner: You are fined \$1.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of this Company was held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, yesterday forenoon. There were present Hon. R. Sheehan (chairman), Sir C. P. Chater and Hon. W. J. Gresson (consulting committee), and Messrs N. H. Rutherford (Secretary), A. Babington, J. Orange, G. Murray Bain, E. A. Hewitt, C. A. Tomes, and Fung Wa Chun.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMED.

The Secretary read the resolution with regard to increasing the capital of the Company, etc., passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 28th November last, a report of which appeared in a previous issue.

The CHAIRMAN moved that the resolution be now confirmed as a special resolution. Mr. E. A. Hewitt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 14th December.
Sir,—I sincerely regret having mistaken "Banyan's" meaning in his Jotting re Bands. All the same, with all deference, I can't quite agree with either you or him as to the use of the word "privilege" in this case. I certainly shall not dispute the fact that no band can play in the Gardens without arrangement with the "powers that be." But whether this arrangement is accorded "as a privilege" or requested "by kind permission" of the Officers of the Corps concerned, appears to me to govern the whole argument. Probably the popular and ever-courteous Superintendent of the B. & A. Department could enlighten us on this point. Pending this favour or failing the granting of it I shall beg to maintain (even at the dire risk of being considered disputatious by "Banyan") that in no wise can a Military Band be considered to be under a privilege when playing for the Public benefit—I am, etc.

"GOLD LACE."

HONGKONG ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 13th December.
Sir,—Let me draw (through the medium of your valuable paper) the attention of the Authorities to the miserable state of the road in Lyndhurst Terrace down to Wellington Street.—Yours, etc.

"TAX-PAYER."

[When Mark Twain and his companions were surprised by the famous Italian guide with references to Michael Angelo, they said: "Enough! Launch the whole thing. Say that Angelo designed the universe." The flood of letters that appears to be threatening, complaining of bad roads at Hongkong, seems to demand a "launching of the whole thing."]—

POOR CHINESE ORPHANS.

BAZAAR IN AID OF ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.

A bazaar in aid of the poor Chinese orphans of the Asile de la Sainte Enfant, under the patronage of His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The sale of needle and fancy wares made by the orphans, commenced at two o'clock, ladies of Hongkong being in charge of the various stalls. The band of the 114th Maharattas was in attendance. His Excellency the Governor paid the bazaar a visit at about half-past three. The various stall holders were as follows:—

Mrs. May, Mrs. Villiers Hutton, Mrs. Dicken, Mrs. Liebert, Mrs. Siehs, Mrs. Murry, Mrs. Tomes, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Lammer, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Just, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Volpicelli, Mrs. Post, Mrs. Baill Taylor, Mrs. Hinds, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Goetz, Mrs. Berindoghe, Mrs. Bridon, Mrs. Seth, Mrs. Guibert, Mrs. Haver Drosse, Mrs. Bateson-Wright, Mrs. Wendt, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Tilden, Miss Berkeley, Mrs. Maitland, Miss Bird, Miss Shaw, Miss Murray Bain, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Bam, Miss Blair, Miss Barnes Lawrence, Mrs. Krüger, Miss Siehs, Miss Heermann, Miss Stella May, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Suter, Miss Hancock, Mrs. Heermann, Mrs. Bergfeld, Mrs. Gershom Stewart, Mrs. Craickbank, Miss Marjorie Berkeley, Miss Nancy Playfair, Miss Phoebe May, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Batinko, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Gray Scott, Miss G. Tomes and Miss E. Tomes.

Asile de la Sainte Enfant is a charitable institution run by French sisters. There are, including children, adults, infirm and old, about 400 orphans housed there. Many of the little girls, dressed neatly, were at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The orphan inmates of the institution make lace and embroidery for ladies' and children's clothing, and many other articles, such as pillows, quilts, clothing, dusters, towels, etc. The work is really excellent, and all orders are promptly attended to.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

His Excellency and party were present at last night's concert in St. George's Hall, which was fairly well filled by music lovers, mostly our continental friends.

Miss Henriette Murkens, the best woman violinist we have heard in a long while, and Miss Edith Merryloes, an exceedingly brilliant pianoforte player, provided an excellent selection of instrumental music, to which Mrs. Webb and Mr. Lammer contributed vocal relief.

Mr. Lammer appeared to have a slight cold, and did not do himself justice. He was singing songs he knew thoroughly, however, and the audience applauded his expressive rendition of Godard's "Angels guard thee" and "Lovely spring," as well as his favourite "Songs of Araby."

Mrs. Webb in Hatten's "The Enchantress" had too easy a task, and was heard to greater advantage, perhaps, in Boehm's "Still wie die Nacht," a sweet ditty requiring all the feeling she imported into it. An encore was demanded and Mrs. Webb sang "I know a garden."

Miss Merryloes daintily interpreted Chopin, reproduced faithfully Grieg's eccentricities and pretensions, and elucidated a Rosenthal rhapsody said to be Irish. Encores were asked each time.

Miss Murkens gave Sarasate's variations and amplifications of Gounod's *Faust*, the passage all chords being grand. A little composition of her own was most aptly named "Papillons," as round each principal note of the tender theme her fiddle produced dozens of little butterfly grace notes. Her best exhibition was the "Danse Tzigane" by Nachez. Miss Murkens had to respond to enthusiastic encores each time.

The stage was littered with the usual bouquets for the lady performers.

ALLEGED MURDERS BY EUROPEANS.

STATEMENTS BY THE PRISONERS.

Charles Smith, Erik Hogman and William Nason again appeared before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday afternoon to answer the charge of murdering the Chinese boatwoman, Chan Yee, and the girl, Kwok Tit, and with attempting to murder the boy Kwok Sui, in the waters of this Colony on the 27th November last. Mr. F. J. Budeley, Captain Superintendent of Police, prosecuted.

The next witness called was Wong Luk, who said: I am a fisherman at Sham Sui Kok in the New Territory. On the afternoon of the 1st instant I was in my boat. Three "Englishmen" came and asked for tobacco for a smoke, one of them holding a cigarette. I gave them some tobacco. One of them then made a motion showing that they wanted food. I supplied them, but they did not eat. One of them produced a 20-cent piece, and by signs they asked me to carry them. I refused, and the three went off with my boat. I then went to see Chow Fat, the owner of the boat, and we got into another boat with a third man and chased them. I asked the "Englishmen" to exchange boats. They did, and I returned alone, the other two men who came with me going with the "Englishmen." I went into the gao here on the 4th inst. and identified the first and second defendants (Smith and Hogman). They were two of the three men who came and took my boat.

In reply to Nason: I do not know the difference between an Englishman, a Frenchman, or a German.

Chow Fat said: I am a fisherman at Lantau Island. On the afternoon of the 1st December, Wong Luk came and told me to chase the three "Englishmen." I got into a boat with Wong Luk and another and gave chase. We caught them up. They got into my boat and I took them to Castle Peak. They landed there.

Dr. Hunter, medical officer in charge of post-mortem examinations, deposed: I examined the bodies of the two deceased which were identified in my presence. There were no external marks of violence. The bodies appeared to have been in the water about a week. The cause of death was drowning.

P. C. No. 33 deposed: At 5.30 p.m. on the 3rd instant I found the body of a child floating on the water near Kell's Island. I conveyed the body to Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station. It was identified there by Kwok Tai Chan as that of his child.

P. C. No. 88 said: I was on duty in the harbour on the 2nd instant at 11 a.m. I found the body of a Chinese woman about 10 yards west of Kell's Island. She was naked. I took the body to Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station.

In reply to Nason: Kell's Island is off Wanchai near Jardine's Sugar Works.

Inspector Withers: On the 2nd instant I received a message on the telephone that a naked Chinese female had been found in the harbour. I took the first and second witnesses to the Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui and they identified her as Chan Yee, wife of Kwok Tai Chan.

By Mr. Budeley: I was on duty in the charge room on the 27th ultimo when Kwok Sui made a report to me. His hair was wet and he carried in his hand wet clothes.

P. S. No. 8 said: On the 4th instant I was on the forepost at Chow Kwong. I saw the three defendants pass along. I got assistance from a passing police launch and arrested them. After searching them, I handed them over to Inspector Kerr at Ping Shan station.

John William Hanson, Chief Detective Inspector, gave evidence as to the identification of the defendants by witnesses from amongst other men arranged in a line on the Police compound. The men were three times rearranged, and several of the witnesses picked the defendants out. Others picked the wrong men. On the 5th December three charges were preferred against each of the three defendants at the Central Station. He cautioned the first and third defendants, Smith and Nason, in the usual form, before they made any statement. He did likewise with the second defendant, Hogman, through a Swedish interpreter. He then typed the following statements which they made, and read each man's statement over to him, before allowing him to sign it.

Charles Smith, on the charge of murdering Chan Yee said: I deny that I went on any boat in the harbour on the night of the 27th November, 1904. I left Kowloon on the afternoon of Friday, the 25th November, to walk to Canton, accompanied by two men, Hogman and Nason. I had met them that Friday afternoon at Kowloon. I had seen them in the streets in this town before, but had not spoken to them. We walked along the beach past several houses, and on the following day crossed in a boat to an island where there are some Sugar Works. I wish to make the same statement in answer to the charge of having killed Kwok Tit, also in answer to the charge of the attempted murder of Kwok Sui.

William Nason, in answer to the first charge, said: On Sunday, the 25th November last, Smith and myself went for a walk in a street. Smith proposed that he and I should get hold of a boat, even going so far as hiring a sampan, and putting the crew ashore on the mainland, and then going to Singapore. We walked together as far as the Hongkong Hotel, then parted. I walked round till about 5 p.m., when I met Smith at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Coming back along Queen's Road we met Hogman near the Star Hotel. We told him of our proposal, and Hogman said he would join us. Smith and I then left Hogman and went to supper. Later on we all met and walked down to the Standard Oil Company's Works, and a little beyond. We there looked round for a boat, but seeing that all had people aboard, gave it up. We walked back to town and got into a sampan near the Yau Ma Tei Ferry Launch Wharf. After getting into it I saw five people in the boat, and as I reached them that we would have to kill somebody if we went off with that number, I told the boatman I wanted to

go ashore again. The others followed. We walked along a little further and saw a sampan coming into the wharf. A man bargained with us to take us off to the American mail boat *China* for 70 cents. I had offered him 60 cents but he wanted 10 cents "Cumsaw." The man stayed ashore. A boy was pulling forward. When half way between Hongkong and the mainland, I rowed forward, leaving Smith and Hogman aft. I said, "Ship over there, John!" In doing so I was only putting in time for Smith and Hogman to bind those aft, who were to be tied up. I heard the cry of the woman aft, and tried to catch the boy by the neck or the throat. He resisted, and putting his foot under my chin, pushed me back. I took out a knife and attacked him but could not manage him, although I held him by the neck. My struggle with him lasted about ten minutes, and about two minutes after I had drawn my knife. In our struggle we got to the side of the sampan, and as I let go he fell overboard. I then went off to see what Hogman and Smith were doing. I found Hogman holding the woman with his two hands over her mouth to prevent her calling out. I put my handkerchief in the woman's mouth, and then went forward to put out the light, which I did by smashing the glass. Just as I put out the light I heard a splash, and heard Hogman say, "The woman has gone overboard." Just then we got close to some steamer and put the boat to port. As an indication that we did not intend to kill anybody, Smith put the girl down the middle hatch. The boat was making five miles to leeward of an island the most carried away. We rigged it up and then sailed to the island. We thought it was the mainland. We walked along for about an hour when we came to the top of a hill. Here we lay down and went to sleep. We walked for several days on that island, and then getting in a boat and pulling away landed at a place where there is a Sugar Refinery. We walked round the beach, and put in another night in the open in a haystack. On the following day we were arrested.

In answer to the second charge of murdering Kwok Tit, Nason said: Smith told me the signal after passing the island where the signal station is that he had thrown one child overboard and put one down the hatch. I never saw that child. I only go by what Smith told me. With regard to what happened on the boat, I refer to the statement I made on being accused of the murder of Chan Yee.

On the third charge of attempting to murder the boy Kwok Sui, Nason referred to his former statements.

Erik Hogman, in answer to the charge of murdering Chan Yee, said: It was our intention to throw the men overboard that they might swim ashore. We then decided to put the woman ashore at the first place at which we called. Smith, Nason and myself wanted to take charge, but as the boat people would not let us, there was nothing for us to do but to throw them overboard. I met Smith and Nason on the 27th November last. They said "Come, let us take a sampan and go to Singapore." I said "Yes." They then went away to get something to eat, and I did likewise. They met me again at the Sailors' Home, and we went and tried to engage a sampan. We went to the Canton Steamers Wharf, but could not get one good enough. On going further along a Chinaman asked us if we wanted a boat. We said we wanted to go to the American mail steamer *China* and agreed to give him 70 cents. To this he agreed. We started off and the sail was hoisted. When leaving we sat in the aft part of the boat. We made it up between us that I was to take any male persons on board, and Smith was to take females. After getting out Smith said "You tackle the woman." I did not like to do it, but Smith told me a second time and I was stronger. I agreed. Nason went forward and tackled the boy. I got hold of the woman and put my hands over her mouth to keep her quiet. Smith got hold of a child. He tried to keep her quiet, but could not succeed, so threw her overboard. Before throwing her overboard, Smith let her go to assist in keeping the woman quiet. He hit the woman over the head with the tiller, which he pulled out of the under head. He struck the woman a second blow, and as the child began to cry out, he threw it overboard. At the same time I saw the boy jump overboard. Nason then came up and he and I threw the woman overboard. Nason then took the helm and steered in the direction of Green Island, and then out to sea.

Hogman made the same statement in answer to the charge of murdering the girl Kwok Tit, and attempting to murder the boy Kwok Sui. Hearing continues.

LARGE FAILURE IN MADRAS.

MESSRS. DYMES & CO. SUSPEND PAYMENT. The *Times of Ceylon* published the following special telegram:

MADRAS, 26th November.

The failure of Messrs. Dymes & Co., Madras, is announced. No authentic details of the failure are available except that the cause is losses in cotton. It is rumoured that the liabilities amount to 7 lakhs, and the assets to two lakhs. Mr. Greig, of the Bank of Madras, and Messrs. Greerson and Mitchell, of Messrs. Dymes & Co., have been appointed to wind up the affairs of the firm, and are said to be hopeful of re-constructing and resuming business shortly.

The firm was carrying on a cotton business of long standing, and has, we are told, a great deal of sympathy. It was known that it was embarrassed by difficulties consequent on the cotton depression at home. Mr. K. Greig, who is one of the liquidators, is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras.

SHANGHAI WATER SUPPLY.

The Shanghai Municipal Council regards the admission of the following condition (in their agreement with the Water Company) as an important principle. At the same time, it is recognised that in special cases, exceptional treatment may be necessary in the interests of the Company, and the Council is prepared to consider a statement of such exceptional cases, for inclusion in a subsidiary agreement, if submitted by the Company.

Condition No. 1.—That the Company should agree that hereafter the charge for water for domestic purposes to consumers shall not exceed 5 per cent on rentals in the case of Chinese houses and 4 per cent for foreign dwellings. Furthermore, that it be admitted that the present scale of charges for existing foreign houses shall not be increased.

The Directors of the Company have replied that they are prepared to accept the principle of that condition, but stipulate that it be so framed as to prevent any difference of opinion hereafter arising as to the rate which the Company is entitled to charge in the event of the occupancy of any foreign house being changed so as to cause or require an increased supply of water for domestic purposes.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

A meeting of this Club was held at No. 10 Wyndham Street last evening, when there were present Messrs. E. M. Hazeland (Chairman), W. H. Woolley, N. H. Donald, M. McIver, W. A. Crane, J. Hand, E. F. Gibson, P. T. Lambie, F. Howell, W. Davidson, F. Lammet and J. Reidie (Secretary pro tem).

NAME OF CLUB. This Club, at its inaugural meeting, was spoken of as the One Design Sailing Club. The CHAIRMAN moved that the Club be called the Hongkong Corinthian Yacht Club.

Mr. DONALD understood that "Corinthian" was the name of the old Club, and wished to know if there was any reason for them discarding that name.

The CHAIRMAN knew of none. Mr. DONALD was rather favourable to it, if there was no reason for the other Club discarding it. He seconded the Chairman's motion. The motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The CHAIRMAN moved that Dr. Clarke be appointed Commodore of the Club. He understood the Doctor was willing to accept, the post, and as he was a most popular sportsman, he was the proper man.

Mr. E. F. GIBSON seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. McIVER moved and Mr. LAMMET seconded, that Mr. E. M. Hazeland be appointed Vice-Commodore. The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved that Mr. Reidie continue to act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. DONALD seconded the motion. The Hon. Secretary deserved a vote of thanks for the work he had already done. The motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. McIVER seconded by Mr. HAND, Mr. Crane was appointed official measurer.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the following be appointed a committee: Messrs. F. Howell, M. McIver, J. Hand and N. H. Donald.

SAIL AREA.

The CHAIRMAN had a word to say with reference to the question of sail area. The two boats built (at present appeared to be very seaworthy boats under canvas. The question was whether to increase the limit which stood at present at 250 square feet. By increasing the area the speed of the boat would be much faster, but he thought the present area quite sufficient.

The SECRETARY said the boats were carrying more canvas than was originally intended. The matter is to be fully discussed in committee.

DESIGN OF CLUB'S FLAG.

The SECRETARY said that several designs of flags were being made, and at a future meeting they would be able to decide on one.

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS-PLAY.

Mr. L. McLean (Malay States Civil Service) last evening gave an exhibition of simultaneous chess-play at the Hongkong Chess Club meeting. Altogether some twenty players were present. Mr. McLean played six members simultaneously, but was unable to play a game blindfolded as he had promised owing to the hour when the simultaneous play was finished. He opened in each of the six games, Mr. J. H. Kemp declined Evans Gambit and won his game. Against Mr. W. W. Pelling Mr. McLean played the Bishop's opening and won. He opened with the Queen's Pawn to Mr. H. W. Ray. This game was a very even one for some time, till Mr. McLean made a false move. He afterwards resigned. Against Mr. C. H. Falloon (the winner of the last Club Championship competition) he opened with the Muzio and won. He beat Mr. E. J. Moses with the Vienna opening, and Mr. R. A. Dastur with the King's Bishop Pawn opening. Result—4 won; 2 lost.

RAILWAYS IN BURMA.

The Chairman of the Rangoon Chamber of Commerce in a recent speech remarked: "You will have been glad to notice that this year the Lieutenant-Governor has strongly urged the early construction of the Southern Shan States Railway, but in the latest Railway Blue Book to hand doubts are still expressed as to the paying prospects of such a line, and I rather up to the present the Government have not offered such terms to the Railway Company as the latter are at all likely to accept." The usual course of such negotiations in Burma appears to be that the Secretary of State, the Government of India, the Local Government and the Burma-Railways Company must all be satisfied by the convincing logic of calculated percentages that their respective interests are assured, before the palpable needs of the province are allowed to sway the decisions of those with whom such decisions rest, and the process takes time—so long in fact, that for nearly three years now, railway construction in Burma has been practically at a standstill.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—(a) the 14th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen in N. Japan and in S. China and has fallen over and around the Easton Sea.

Gradients are still steep upon the coasts of China and fresh to strong N.E. monsoons may be anticipated in the Formosa Channel and in the northern part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh N. winds, cloudy, fair.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 14th December.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR H. S. BERNKLEY (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND MR. T. SERCOMBE (SMITH) (PUISNE JUDGE).

XANG TSE U. V. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. For the third day the hearing of this appeal against a decision of Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, made when he was presiding over the Land Court, regarding a claim for land in the New Territory, being Claim C. A. Survey District No. 4, was continued.

As before, Messrs. M. W. Shade and H. G. Calthrop, instructed by Mr. J. Harston, appeared for the appellant; the Hon. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Crown Solicitor), for the Attorney-General.

Mr. Shade continued his case for the appellant. He said that at the time when the documents of title were issued it was competent by Chinese law for the Provincial Treasurer to issue certificates in respect of land which had not been reclaimed. The case for the Crown was that no title was ever issued till the time of the Sha Tin Kuk. Certificates were issued before that time and there was nothing to ever prevent their being issued.

Mr. Shade here quoted authority to show that titles were issued relating to waste land on the payment of a tax. It was a tax payable on unfertile land in Kwangtung. As soon as it became fertile it was, liable to be assessed, and taxed accordingly. This system was peculiar to Kwangtung, as set down in the appellant's affidavit and not denied by the Crown.

The Hon. E. H. Sharp—We have not admitted it. We have no knowledge beyond that it applies to Kwangtung.

Mr. Shade referred to the documents. They were copies, the pages of some being numbered differently. He referred their Lordships to a certain paragraph.

The PUISNE JUDGE—We cannot take our notes by this copy. The other copy will be the one to go to the Privy Council (Laughter).

Hearing continues.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Wednesday, 14th December.

BEFORE HON. CAPT. L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

"STAR" FERRY BOAT V. NAVAL LAUNCH. An enquiry was held into the circumstances connected with a charge of negligent navigation preferred by Edward Osborne, the Secretary of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., against Lai Hi, master of the naval launch C. C. 38, in the waters of the Colony on the 10th inst.

The complainant stated that on the 10th inst., at 10 a.m., the *Southern Star* was crossing to Kowloon. When about two-thirds of the way across she met the naval launch in question, on her port bow. The *Southern Star* whistled once and went slightly to starboard, while C. C. 38 whistled twice and went slightly to port. The *Southern Star* by this means went under the stern of the launch to avoid collision. Had the *Southern Star* kept straight as she was entitled to do by the rule—the road a collision would have occurred.

After hearing the defendant's statement the Hon. Capt. Barnes-Lawrence found it to be proved that the *Southern Star* had to alter her course to avoid a collision, due to the naval launch's own fault. He suspended the master's certificate for six weeks.

THE KAISER AND THE BISHOP OF METZ.

The Kaiser's rebuke of the Most Rev. Dr. Benzler, Roman Catholic Bishop of Metz, is almost the sole topic of discussion in Germany. Dr. Benzler recently interdicted a churchyard where a Protestant had been buried, declaring that by that act of burial the cemetery had been desecrated. The German Kaiser, on the circumstances being reported to him, summoned the offending prelate to the Imperial presence, and informed him that he (the Kaiser) would not permit an inch of Protestant Germany to be cursed. He added: "Two-thirds of my subjects are Protestants. I have done everything in my power to fulfil the desires of my Catholic subjects, without heeding the dissatisfactions of men of my own faith, with the single idea of enabling all to co-operate in unity and with mutual esteem. So to it that I do not arrive at the conclusion that these efforts and sacrifices have been in vain, that the Roman Catholic Church does not desire peace, but submission. If my attempts at conciliation fail, owing to the intolerance and presumptuousness of the Roman Catholics, the wind may possibly blow in another quarter. Serve God to the best of your knowledge, but do not forget that you must also serve your country and your King, and that, although the King rules with a gentle hand, it may in a moment be turned into a mailed fist."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday the 14th inst., and left again at 11 a.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* left Vancouver for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on Tuesday, the 13th inst. a.m.

The steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, which left here on the 16th Nov., arrived at Genoa on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

The steamer *Gregory Apsara*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon. The Boston S.S. Co. steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 13th inst.

The silk steamer *Laura* arrived in New York on the 9th inst.

The steamer *Lyra* sailed from Victoria on the 12th inst.

The Barber Line steamer *Satsuma* left Singapore for Hongkong via Manila on the 6th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Namantia* left Portland (Or.) on the 12th inst. via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 17th prox.

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CHRISTIANITY IN S. CHINA.

LAST EVENING'S WESLEYAN METHODIST MEETING.

A meeting was held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Wanchai, of which the Rev. Mr. W. Bridge is the chaplain, last evening, when missionary work was discussed. The Rev. Mr. C. H. Hickling opened the proceedings with prayer. Mr. George Cordery took the chair. He asked Mr. Bridge to deal with the report for the past year.

In doing so Mr. Bridge spoke of Wesleyan Methodist work in all parts of the world, particularly mentioning the progress made in South Africa and Asia. The recent progress in China had astonished the churches. Now that coolies were being sent to South Africa, where some 100,000 Chinese will be gathered, there was another question for the churches to face. He also alluded to the Wesleyan Methodist work in connection with the Army and Navy.

Mr. Cordery said that in China many difficulties had to be faced. The language, for instance, and, besides, there was a well-established religion, very good in its moral teachings and honary with antiquity. A great deal, however, had been achieved, and the tide of missionary work in England was on increase. An undoubted change, he had been told, was coming over the people in South China as a consequence of missionary work. He called upon the Rev. Mr. Chan Lai Tong to give some reminiscences.

The Rev. Mr. Chan, interpreted by the Rev. Mr. Bridge said that he became a Christian some 50 years ago. At that time there was only one church and one hospital at Canton. He was the third convert in Canton, where missionaries went up river from Hongkong. Then the Taiping Rebellion broke out. The originator of this had taken some Christian books into the interior, and the "Taiping" curiously enough, destroyed idols, kept the Sabbath and bowed down in the manner of saying grace before meals. Next came a rebel siege of Canton. The missionaries tended the wounded and thus earned the respect of the people. In these days about twenty attended at the prayer meetings. When war broke out against England the mission churches at Canton were destroyed, and the missionaries sought refuge at Macao. When peace was restored, the churches were re-established and others outside the former limits were built. Christianity spread. The Chinese in those days had an idea that the European doctors were only expert at curing wounds, sores, etc., and were no good for internal complaints. The Chinese doses of medicine were so much larger than the European doses—the only real physicians were those of the Middle Kingdom. As the number of converts increased, so also the opposition increased. Some Chinese who became Christians were martyred. There was an idea that if they became Christians they would be used as soldiers for Europeans, and learn to despise their ancestors. But people gradually became more favourably inclined towards Christianity. Against the three Chinese Christians at Canton when he became one there were now 8,000. (Applause.)

After some further speeches a very pleasant meeting came to a close.

CONCERT AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Last evening a most enjoyable concert was given at the Y.M.C.A. rooms. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., was in the chair, and about sixty members and their friends, including several ladies, were present. Those who contributed were Messrs. Sheffield, H. W. Ray, Kempthorne, the Chairmen, Messrs. Fairfax, Brown, S. L. Moore, Aitken and White. Messrs. Aitken and Ray responded to encores.

BURMO-CHINESE TRADE.

The following extract is taken from a speech delivered by the Chairman of the Rangoon Chamber of Commerce at the recent annual meeting of that association:—

The decision of the Indian Government to allow a refund of duty on imports in transit to China has lately been given practical effect by the opening of a customs station at Bhamo, where goods may be examined and repacked to suit the transport of the country, and we may now hope that trans-frontier trade will steadily increase. The contemplated survey in connection with a proposed railway from Bhamo to Tengyueh appears to open up additional possibilities in that direction. While on this subject, I know that I am expressing the general feeling of the Chamber when I say that our hearty thanks are due to H.M.'s Consul-General in Yunnan, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, for his energetic efforts towards the furtherance of British trade in that Province, and the valuable advice tendered by him from time to time with regard to the most profitable channels for the employment of British capital and mercantile enterprise, in all of which he has been most ably seconded by the Vice-Consul, Mr. Litton.



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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 21st December, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 21st December, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 21st December, at 3 p.m.

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L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

IT is proposed to form a Band in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The FIRST GENERAL MEETING will take place TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), December 16th, at VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS.

It is earnestly hoped that all those who play stringed or wind instruments and would care to join the band will attend this Meeting.

Major FRETCHARD will take the Chair at 6 p.m.

Correspondence in connection with Membership should be addressed to—

Dr. A. F. FORSTER, Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2905]

NAVY LEAGUE.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members and Associates of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will be held in the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 19th December, 1904, at 5.15 p.m. H. E. POLLOCK, Esq., K.C., in the Chair.

ARTHUR R. LOWE, Hon. Secretary.

Navy League, Hongkong Branch, Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2893]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES WHITTALL, Secretary, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2903]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, hereby gives notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance 10, of 1902, they intend to apply to His Excellency The Governor in Council for approval to construct and maintain a Sliding running 50 yards along the Public Street lying between Inland Lots 1018 and 1149 with a junction to the line in Causeway Bay Road, and another to the line in Causeway Bay Road.

For the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, J. GRAY SCOTT, General Manager, Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2876]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned will REMOVE to their New Premises, Nos. 57, 58 and 59, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, on the 15th instant.

KWONG SANG & CO., Shipchandlers, &c., Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2831]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1904. [2388]

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GEO. F. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2809]

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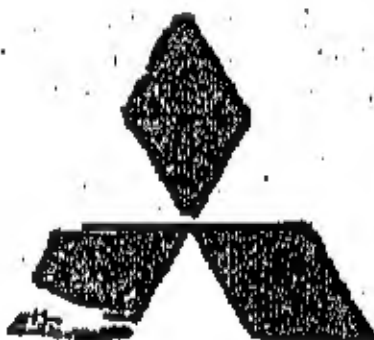
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ALEX. ROSS & CO.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1904.

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Sole Agents for Kigio, Komatsu (Tagawa)
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The Head and Branch Offices and the Agen-
cies of the Company will receive any order for
Coals produced from the above Collieries.

Coal sold in 1903 by the Company amounted
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TAKASHIMA COAL.

Now and additional shafts at the Takashima
Colliery have been completed and this well-
known best and most economical steam coal in
the East is now produced in abundance and
can be supplied in any quantity.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

HOW BOILER-STEEL SHOULD BE TESTED—
ANTHRAX ANTI-TOXIN—A RIGHT-DESTROY-
ING ADULTERANT—CARDENE—ELECTRICAL
PURIFICATION OF FLOUR—A FACTORY OF
THE AGES—THE LATEST COLOUR PHOTO-
GRAPHS—A GARDEN NOVELTY—THE NEW
CARBON COMPOUND

The tensile strength of steel at various tem-
peratures has been tested by C. Bach, who has
found an increase up to 300 deg. C., and a
decrease at greater heat. One specimen, for
example, showed a tensile strength of 27 tons
per square inch at ordinary temperature, 30.7
tons at 300 deg. and 131 tons at 550 deg.
The effects of compression were less at 200 deg.
than at ordinary temperature or at 300 deg.
or higher. Prolonged action of the load had
no effect on the tensile strength at ordinary
temperature, but caused a slight decrease at
300 deg., and a still greater decrease between
400 deg. and 500 deg. It is made evident that
steel for steam boilers, piping, etc., should be
tested at higher as well as ordinary temperature.

The loss of life from anthrax, or wool-
sorters' disease, has been much reduced among
sheep and cattle through the work of Pasteur,
but some cases still occur, and the disease is
transmitted to persons handling wool. The
serum of Prof. Selavo, of Sienna, Italy, is the
latest remedy, its action being similar to that
of diphtheria anti-toxin. In 160 cases of
anthrax reported from different parts of
Europe, the serum has reduced the percentage
of deaths to 6, as compared with 25 per cent.
of fatal cases in Great Britain in the last five
years.

Wood alcohol is much more dangerous than
was formerly supposed. A recent laborious
investigation through American physicians and
health officers has traced 142 cases of blindness
and 62 deaths directly to this substance, either
pure or in adulterated essences, extracts, and
other preparations. Even the vapour from
liquid may cause partial or total loss of sight.

A prize of 6,000 francs has been offered for an
electric-current motor by the French Society
of Manufacturers.

A discovery that may open up a new use for
poor coals has been made by Auguste Lemoine,
a French chemist. Noticing that a small
quantity of good coke failed to produce
good coke on sudden heating, he inferred that
something had been driven off, and after long
investigation he has isolated the substance from
the tars. It is a new compound of carbon,
hydrogen and oxygen, to which he has given
the name "carbene." It resembles bituminous
carbon, is black, solid and friable, and shows
a tendency to crystallize. A fragment heated
in a test tube coats the interior with a tene-
cious black varnish. This varnishing a little
in advance of actual distillation, sticks the
particles of coal together, and when two per-
cent of carbene was added to a few ounces of
poor coal a splendid coke was produced in the
crucible.

In the electrical treatment of flour by the
lately patented process of J. N. Alsop, the
apparatus consists of two wire lamps in parallel,
with a coil made to yield an arc as much as 18
inches long. The arcs are enclosed by tubes,
and the air within these is electrified, producing
a gaseous mixture containing nitrogen peroxide
and traces of ozone. The gas is drawn off into
a revolving hexagonal drum, where it is
thoroughly incorporated with the flour. The
treatment not only bleaches and purifies the
flour, but is claimed to add to its nutritive
quality, chemical analysis showing a considerable
increase of nitrogen.

The oldest workshop in Europe, it is believed,
has been unearthed at Wetzlar, Switzerland.
It is in the cave of Kessloch, which seems to
have been inhabited before the Neolithic epoch
and to have been constantly tenanted from 3000
to 1000 B.C. The remains include not only
stone instruments and pieces of decorated vases
and oyster shells, but many bones of men,
ruminants and wild animals.

In a study of cancer at Fontainebleau, where
759 out of 11,048 deaths were due to this disease,
Foucault has shown that the cancer houses
were always damp, badly ventilated, and little
exposed to the sun.

Although the problem of colour photography
is still far from solved, progress is being
occasionally made. A new German discovery
of Dr Koenig relates to printing from tri-
colour negatives, and depends upon the use of
paper coated with colloidal solutions of colour-
less compounds of greenish-blue, cherry-red, and
yellow dyes that develop the original colours on
exposure to light. The set of three negatives is
first made under the usual light filters. The
printing paper is first coated with the solution
of the dye that is changed by light to greenish-
blue, and, after drying, it is exposed about 30
seconds under the negative taken through the
red filter. When the required depth of colour is

reached, it is fixed in a solution which removes
the unaltered dye compound. The paper is
then re-coated, this time with the solution for
the red print, and exposed in exact register
under the green negative. After this is fixed,
the third coating is made, and the yellow image
is developed under the blue negative.

A new vegetable for table use is the Crambe
tatarica, an umbelliferous plant resembling sea-
kale. The sweet roots, raw and cooked, are
eaten by Tartars and Cossacks, and for these
and the sprouts also it is recommended for
cultivation by a prominent member of the
Academie de Cuisine de Paris, who declares
that it is finer in flavour than asparagus and
canniflowers, which it suggests. The roots are
boiled in salt water and seasoned in butter,
a salad of young leaves and slices of root
being another dainty luxury.

The new carbon-molybdenum compound of
Henri Moissan is obtained by heating melted
molybdenum and aluminium in the electric
furnace. The metallic product is treated with
a concentrated solution of potash, when needle
crystals of the new compound are obtained.
The substance is very hard, scarcely attacked
by acids, unaffected by water or steam below
600 deg., and promises to be of value for
molybdenum steels.

CHINA'S DEBTS.

With reference to the decision of the Chinese
Government, apportioning to the various pro-
vinces of the Empire the amounts to be paid by
each, by the end of this year, towards making
good the money—Tls. 10,400,000—still due the
Powers on charging the payment of the War
Indemnity to a gold basis, news has been received
from Peking to the effect that more than
one half of the Viceroy and Governors con-
cerned have professed their inability to pay the
sums required from them within the time
demanded by the Central Government. As the
money must be paid and every day's delay would
mean many thousands of taels in interest,
Prince Ching, according to a recent Peking
letter, suggested to the Emperor at a meeting
of the Grand Council the other day, that he
could get a temporary loan from a certain
foreign bank of the amount still due from the
provinces, on condition that the
delinquent provinces give an undertaking
to repay the loan within a stated time.
His Majesty seemed inclined to listen to
Prince Ching's suggestion, but H. E. Chao
Er-shan, the President of the Board of
Revenue, strongly opposed the measure, on the
ground that China was already greatly over-
burdened with her foreign debts and that such
additional loan was like adding so many more
fetters to the body politic and plunging the
Empire into irretrievable bankruptcy. Further
that anyone could read from history the lesson
that a debtor country is a slave of the creditor
who has the prerogative moreover of
recompensing itself by seizing territory in lieu of
payment of loan—temporarily, if money be
forthcoming to liquidate the debt; perpetually,
if the debtor is bankrupt beyond recall.
Under these circumstances, therefore, declared
the President of the Board of Revenue, the
question of ways and means was then laid
on the table and the Council broke up without
anything definite being arrived at. "Perhaps,"
remarks the N.C. Daily News correspondent,
"had H. E. Chao Er-shan and those with him
who opposed Prince Ching's suggestion that
day, had the least inkling that this alleged
'foreign' loan was in fact money deposited by
the Prince himself and the Chief Eunuch, Li
Lien-ying, who could get better interest for
their money by lending it to the Central
Government than by snoring deposit in a foreign
bank, the President of the Board of Revenue
and his party would not have opposed the
suggestion so vigorously."

SHANGHAI SHOPKEEPING METHODS.

A writer in the Shanghai Mercury on
December 3rd says:—
Our storekeepers—one and all seem to have
taken the advice of the Scottish minister who
was sorely in need of current coin for the needs
of his church. "We've done everything honest
that I can think of," he said, "the only thing
left now is to try a lottery!"
So the lotteries are there. Almost every
window tempts you to try your fortune. That's
where the genuine clairvoyant would score.
She (they're always women) would know before-
hand what the winning numbers would be and
would act accordingly. Various visits of
Fable's van would be necessary to bring home
the proceeds. Then an auction, and a fit
elsewhere to repeat the process.
The only thing that really tempts me is the
magnificent cooking-range offered by one of the
newer stores. What tasty dishes might not
emerge from the enamelled recesses of this
modern invention! But for those who love a
little titter for their Christmas enjoyment
there is enough and to spare of choice from
type-writers to gramophones, from pictures to
pigeon-pots, and from gems to gimcracks. The
wonder is that all the competing firms seem to
fill their lists and get in their dollars. That of
course, is the main thing, next to the annual
display of love and good-will to all mankind on
the part of the storekeeper.

HIRANO WATER.

THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.
PURE, SPARKLING, INVIGORATING.

THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST
Bottled in Japan by H. E. REYNELL & Co.

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

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THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

37, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG,
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904.

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A GREAT DISCOVERY.

The amazing richness of the Australian
Continent in healing roots and herbs has long
been the wonder of scientists. For untold ages
the natives of that country had only the juices
and essences of these roots and herbs for
medicine. How effective they proved, even in
their crude form, is evinced by the extra-
ordinary health which the natives enjoyed as
borne out by Captain Cook, the discoverer of
Australia.

Not only from the writings of such men as
Captain Cook, but from their own observations,
scientists have for a long time been aware of the
great superiority of vegetable medicines over
those containing mineral poisons; and some
years back, Mr. Charles Forde, an eminent
scientist, conceived the idea of so utilising the
essences of certain Australian plants that their
healing properties might be made useful to
modern man. By long and careful investigation
and experiment, he at last gained the knowledge
required. He found himself the discoverer of a
natural vegetable substance which acted on the
liver and digestive organs directly and more
effectively than any medicine known. The best
laboratories, the most modern plant, and all that
science dictated as being best for the purpose,
was requisitioned in the compounding of this
substance into convenient medicine form, and
the result of it all was the production of a few
years back of the most perfect medicine of
modern times. This medicine was produced in
the form of small beads, which, being prepared
for action on the liver, were called "Bile Beans."

Being the product of recent science, Bile
Beans, on their first appearance, experienced a
hard fight of science versus quackery; but the
issue was soon decided by the public, with the
result that Bile Beans began to rapidly replace
the old, imperfect, and in some cases harmful
medicines, which have been in use for fifty or
sixty years, and which, like all old forms, are
behind the times, and correspondingly imper-
fect. Most of those remedies contain bismuth,
iron, or some harmful mineral or mineral sub-
stance, and if taken in quantities, produce evils
worse than those they may temporarily relieve.
Bile Beans, without the slightest discomfort,
prompt the liver and digestive organs to set in
nature's normal way, leaving those organs
strengthened and stimulated to continue the
performance of their duties without further
assistance. They produce a gentle action on
the bowels, ridding the system of all im-
purities. Their price brings them within the
reach of all, and they are the safest family
medicines.

Bile Beans cure biliousness, indigestion,
debility, constipation, piles, liver disorder,
malarial fever, influenza, chills, upset of the
stomach, dizziness, faintness after meals, wind,
nervous disorders, "that tired feeling," rheuma-
tism, neuralgia and sciatica, kidney and urinary
disorders, sleeplessness, headache, bad breath,
anemia, sickness of the stomach, blood im-
purities, pimples, ulcers, scurvy, etc., and all
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DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI).
Extreme Length... 523 feet.
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Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 264

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Extreme Length... 371 feet.
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PATENT SLIP (at KOSUGE).
Can take vessels up to 1,000 tons gross.

THE WORKS are well equipped with the
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LD.,
have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Co.
Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will
be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday
excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods
Wm. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901.

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CALL FLAG E.

REPAIR WORK to Steamers and
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Moderate charges. Work solicited.
J. D. EDWARDS,
Manager.

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 4th January.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYSON"	On 17th January.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PELEUS"	On 28th December.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 15th December.
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 15th December.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 18th December.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th December.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION
STEAMERS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 21st December
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 4th January 1905
ROON	WEDNESDAY 18th January
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 29th March
PRUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1904, at NOON, the Steamship
"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH," Captain E. Prehn, with MALES PASSENGERS,
SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 19th December. Cargo and
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The Steamship has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
Linen can be washed on board.

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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

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"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brahmer	January 25th, 1905.
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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Thurs. 15th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Fri., 16th Dec., 11 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Fri., 16th Dec., 4 P.M.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATE
SENEGAMBIA	(HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG)	On 21st Dec. Freight.
ARMENIA	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 1st Jan. Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 10th Jan. Freight.
AMBELA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 22nd Jan. Freight.
STHONIA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 27th Jan. Freight.
ARCADIA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 7th Feb. Freight.
ANDALUSIA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 21st Feb. Freight.
RHENANIA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 7th Mar. Freight & Passenger.
SAMBIA	(HAVRE and HAMBURG)	On 21st Mar. Freight.

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"MANICA."
Capt. Leslie, will be despatched for the above
ports on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at DAY-
LIGHT.
For Freight, apply to
A. S. MIHARA,
Agent,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS
in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Lin-
e are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS
OF LADING for all the principal ports in
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars,
apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hankow, 4th August, 1907.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are
prepared, during suspension of their
Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice
to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to
SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and
PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-
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For Further Particulars, apply at
the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's
Building, First Floor, Chester Road.
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TEXAN,"
FROM SEATTLE, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE and MOI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersign-
ature and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1904.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the
15th instant, will be landed at Consignees'
risk and expense into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE
and PENANG are requested to take IM-
MEDIATE delivery of their Goods from
alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge
of the Vessel will be landed and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1904.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE
ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CAPRI,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery
may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be
taken delivery of immediately.

All claims of packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the
Godown Company, within seven days after the
vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will
be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the
16th instant, will be subject to rent.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1904.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AGINCOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Worsnop,
Hainan Island 1st Oct.—Gilmann & Co.
ARRATON APCAR, British str., 2,231, E. Fey,
13th Dec.—Calcutta and Singapore 7th
December, General.—David Sassoon & Co.
ATLANTIC, American str., 370, Antacanti, 26th
November.—Manila 19th Nov., Sugar—
Barretto & Co.
AUCHENARDEN, British str., 2,400, Crowder,
10th Dec.—Kuchinotzu 4th December,
Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BELIAN KING, British str., 2,353, J. Hayton,
2nd Dec.—Moj 28th Nov., Coal.—Bradley
& Co.
BENSOON, British str., 1,938, A. Webster, 8th
December.—Moj 3rd December, Coal—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
BOENGO, German str., 1,344, E. Muhl, 5th
December.—Sundakan 29th Nov., Timber
and General.—Melchers & Co.
CALOHA, British str., 4,278, W. T. Hanuah,
13th Dec.—Vladivostok via Japan 2nd
December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,203, Monkman,
11th Dec.—Taku Bar 3rd Dec. and Chafco
8th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHOWAI, German str., 1,104, H. Textor, 11th
December.—Bangkok 3rd Dec. and anghin
4th, Rice and Wood.—Butterfield & Swire.
CRANLEY, British str., 2,963, W. E. Steele, 11th
December.—Durban 18th Nov., Ballast—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CYRUS, British str., 2,050, Simmonds, 8th Dec.—
Moj 2nd Dec., Coal.—Arnold, Karberg &
Co.
DILEVIA, British transport, 4,500, E. Mann,
12th Dec.—Singapore 7th December.
DORIC, British str., 4,936, H. Smith, R.N.R.,
13th December.—San Francisco 8th Nov.,
and Manila 11th Dec. Mails and General—
O. & S. S. Co.
EIGER, Norwegian str., 875, C. Rafea, 10th
December.—Bangkok 1st Dec., Rice—
Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
ELAZ, British str., 2,612, E. S. Baker, 12th
December.—Aree Bay 1st Oct., Bulk Oil—
Arnold, Karberg & Co.
FOOCHOW, British str., 1,207, Smale, 10th Dec.—
Wah 6th Dec. General.—Butterfield &
Swire.
GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,863, Starkey, 1st
December.—Batona 25th October, Oil—
Doddwell & Co.
HALABAN, Dutch str., 335, J. Steendam, 6th
December.—Foonchow 2nd Dec., Ballast—
Arnold, Karberg & Co.
HECTOR, British str., 2,446, Edmondson, 12th
December.—Liverpool and Singapore 6th
December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.—
Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov., General—
A. R. Marty.
INDRAVELLI, British str., 3,125, S. Cullington,
28th Nov.—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.
INKULA, British str., 3,316, E. Dean, 13th Dec.—
Malta 4th November.—Order.
KROONVAAL, German str., 1,115, W. Mollermaan,
12th Dec.—Bangkok via Hothow 1st Dec.,
Rice, Meat and Taskwood.—Butterfield &
Swire.
LEGASPI, American str., 600, Yribar, 11th
December.—Manila 8th Dec. General—
Barretto & Co.
LOONGSANG, British str., 1,992, G. S. Weigal,
12th December.—Manila 9th December,
General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LOOER, German str., 1,040, E. Schultzen, 12th
December.—Bangkok 5th Dec., Rice—
Butterfield & Swire.
MAOALLANES, American str., 831, Adolfo
Yribar, 9th Dec.—Manila 6th December,
Timber.—Captain.
MEDAN, German str., 764, O. Stolberg, 30th
November.—South Sea Islands (Yap) 23rd
Sept., Cobra and Beche-de-mar.—Siemens
& Co.
ONDA, British str., 3,409, Robertson, 12th Dec.—
Koratan 7th December, Coal.—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.
OPLAND, Norwegian str., 544, Th. W. Schlytter,
4th Dec.—Newchwang 28th Nov., Beans—
M. B. Kaisha.
PHEANANG, German str., 1,021, F. von Man-
geldorf, 10th Dec.—Bangkok 3rd Dec.,
Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
PROGEE, German str., 637, F. Bremer, 23rd
November.—Newchwang 21st Nov., Gene-
ral.—Siemens & Co.
RUBI, British str., 1,611, R. W. Almond, 12th
December.—Manila 10th Dec. General—
Shewan, Tomes & Co.
SEALDA, British str., 3,438, Geo. Brown, 29th
November.—Moj 23rd November, Coal—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SHEILA, British str., 2,237, J. White, 12th
December.—Westport via Newcastle 10th
November, Coal.—Admiralty.
STANLEY DOLLAR, British str., 1,857, J. Bruce,
5th Dec.—San Francisco 31st Oct., Flour—
Shewan, Tomes & Co.
SUNGKIAN, British str., 1,021, Robinson, 13th
Dec.—Philippines 9th December, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
TEXAN, British str., 4,336, Wm. Lyons, 11th
December.—Moj 6th Dec. General—
Doddwell & Co.

THEA, German str., 734, Folda, 30th Nov.—
Cardiff 29th Sept., Coal.—Jobson & Co.
TSINTAU, German str., 1,002, O. Koch, 9th
December.—Bangkok 28th Nov., Rice and
General.—Barretto & Co.
SAILING SHIPS
ANCINES, British barque, 170, Salter, 26th
November.—Fremantle 24th Sept., Sandal-
wood.—Order.
PRINCE ROBERT, Norwegian 4-m. barque, 2,655,
Hansen, 22nd Nov.—New York 9th July,
Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.
BRITISH WARSHIPS
ALACRITY, British des. atch-bout, 1,790, Comdr.
R. M. Harbord
ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, Rowland
Nugent
BRITONART, British gunboat, 710, Com. T. D.
Pratt
CHERUB, water tank and tug
GLORY, British battleship, 13,000, Hon. W. G.
Stoford
HANDY, torpedo boat destroyer
HUBBARD, British storeship, 1,400, P. M.
Ridgway
OTTER, torpedo boat destroyer, Lieut. E. H.
Jullioes
PHOENIX, British sloop, 1,050, John Nicholas
ROSBARIE, British sloop, 930, Vivian
TAKU, British destroyer, 250, Cranford
TAMAR, receiving ship, Commodore C. G.
Dickson
THEETIS, British cruiser, J. C. A. Wilkinson
TWEED, British gunboat, 382, R. H. Keate
VENGEANCE, battleship, 12,950, Capt. Stuart,
C.M.G.
VIRAGO, torpedo-boat destroyer
WATERWITCH, British surveying-ship, 630,
Comdr. E. C. Hardy
FOREIGN WARSHIPS
FURST BISMARCK, German cruiser, 11,000,
Provo
GENERAL ALAVA, American transport, Captain
Whitton
LUCHA, German gunboat, 75, Kroenke
VASCO DA GAMA, Portuguese cruiser, 3,000,
Vasco de Carvalho
HISBRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS
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Alacrity, despatch-boat, 1,790 tons, 10 guns,
3,000 h.p., Com. R. M. Harbord, Hongkong
Albion, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, Capt.
Fremantle, Weihaiwei
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p.,
Lieut. Comdr. Rowland Nugent, Hongkong
Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18,000
h.p., Capt. Charles Wadham, S.V.O.,
Weihaiwei
Andromeda, cruiser, 13,500 tons, Capt. Nelson
O'Mannony, Weihaiwei
Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,350 tons, 10 guns,
7,000 h.p., Captain Lionel G. Tufnell
Singapore
Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p.,
Lieut. Comdr. O. M. Makias, en route
Hongkong
Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p.,
Lieut. Comdr. Thos. D. Pratt, Hongkong
Centurion, battleship, 10,500 tons, Capt. Fegan,
Weihaiwei
Cressy, cruiser, 12,900 tons, 14 guns, 21,000
h.p., Capt. Henry M. T. Thdr, Singapore
Esperanza, gunboat, 1,070 tons, 10 guns, Comdr.
Satur, Singapore
Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 380 tons, 6 guns,
5,700 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. A. Sizer, Hong-
kong
Fearless, gunboat, 443 tons, 12 guns, Comdr.
Vaughan Lewis, en route Singapore
Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500
h.p., Capt. Hon. W. G. Stopford, Hongkong
Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns,
4,000 h.p., in reserve
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns,
4,000 h.p., Weihaiwei
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, Comdr. P. M.
Ridgway, Hongkong
Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt.
Favckner, Shanghai
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 230 tons, 6 guns,
3,900 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. A. Gregory,
Weihaiwei
Kinshira, river gunboat, 331 tons, Lieut. Comdr.
Christopher P. Metcalf, on Yangtze
Leviathan, cruiser, 14,100 tons, Capt. Kirby,
en route Singapore
Moonraker, river gunboat, 130 tons, 2 guns,
Lieut. Comdr. F. B. Noble, West River
Ocan, battleship, 12,350 tons, 16 guns, 13,500
h.p., Captain Greet, C.M.G., Weihaiwei
Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in
reserve
Phoenix, sloop, 1,015 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p.,
Comdr. J. Nicholas, Hongkong
Rambler, surveying ship, 533 tons, Comdr.
Chas. E. Moore, Labuan
Rinaldo, sloop, 930 tons, 6 guns, Comdr. D. S.
Anby Wake, Singapore
Robin, river gunboat, 155 tons, 2 guns, 240
h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Vaughan, West River
Rosario, sloop, 930 tons, 6 guns, 11,400 h.p.,
Comdr. Vivian, Hongkong
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 55 tons, 2 guns, 240
h.p., Lieut. Comdr. L. W. Jones, West River
Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H.
H. Moore, Weihaiwei
Snipe, river gunboat, 55 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p.,
Lieut. Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on
Yangtze
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns,
5,600 h.p., Hongkong
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, 6 guns,
Commodore C. G. Dickson, at Hongkong

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POST OFFICE NOTICES

On and from to-day, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Cosmopolitan Dock	8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
Hung Nam Dock	9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Yau Ma Tei Police station	9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Gas Works	9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Cameron Road	8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The Mail, with the English mail of the 18th Nov., left Singapore on Sunday, the 11th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 17th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Macao	Wingchai	Thursday, 15th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Honam	Thursday, 15th, 7.30 A.M.
Kadai and Sandakan	Borneo	Thursday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Manila	Legaspi	Thursday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Taiwan	Thursday, 15th, 1.45 P.M.
Macao	Huanghai	Thursday, 15th, 2.00 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumagata	Thursday, 15th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Whampoa	Thursday, 15th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kwaiyang	Thursday, 15th, 4.00 P.M.
Hongkong	Amoy	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Phanang	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Chowai	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Keungai	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Huanghai	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Taiwan	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbau	Huanghai	Thursday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Wingchai	Friday, 16th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Kumagata	Friday, 16th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Honam	Friday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Borneo	Friday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Legaspi	Friday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila and Honolulu	Taiwan	Friday, 16th, 1.45 P.M.
Macao	Huanghai	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Kumagata	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Whampoa	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Kwaiyang	Friday, 16th, 4.00 P.M.
Nantao	Amoy	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbau	Huanghai	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Phanang	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Chowai	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Keungai	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbau	Huanghai	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Wingchai	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila	Kumagata	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO.

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(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

TO-MORROW.

First General Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, Volunteer Headquarters.

COMMERCIAL CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	1111
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ON SAIGON.	1 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.	1 p.c. pm.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	110.30
GOLD LEAF, 1000 fine, per pair	54.50
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Malwa New	\$1100 to \$1130 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1170 to \$1200 "
Malwa Older	\$1250 to \$1270 "
Malwa V. Old	\$1300 to \$1330 "
Persian fine quality	\$880 to " "
Persian extra fine	\$900 to " "
Patna New	\$1125 to " per chest.
Patna Old	\$1100 to " "
Benares New	\$1100 to " "
Benares Old	\$1100 to " "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 11th Dec. at 1 p.m., and is due here on the 17th Dec. about 2 p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Eduard Friedrich* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th Dec. at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 20th Dec.

The I.G.M. steamer *Roon* left Colombo on the 10th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 21st Dec.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria*, from San Francisco to the 15th Nov. via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 9th Dec. a.m., and is due here on the 18th Dec.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th Dec., and left again at 11 a.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 17th Dec.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. steamer *Tientsin* left Singapore for this port on the 8th Dec. at 6 a.m.

The steamer *Silverbird* left Singapore on the 11th Dec., and is due here to-morrow.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Huron* left Singapore on the 11th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 17th Dec. at daylight.

The C.P.M. steamer *Albatross* arrived at Shanghai at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th Dec., and left again at 1 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th Dec.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 14th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	715, 1/2, 1/4, 470 10s.
Nat. Bank of China		
A. Shares	28	\$30, sellers
B. Shares	28	\$30, sellers
Poon, Shaoan	21	\$10, buyers
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$700, buyers
China Trade	\$25	\$58, ex div. sales
North China	25	Ts. 98, sellers
Yangtze	60	\$150.
Canton	\$30	\$250.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$23, buyers
China Fire	\$50	\$30, buyers
Steamship Coy.	\$0	\$23.
Indo-China S. N.	\$15	\$110, buyers
China and Manila	\$50	\$24.
China Steamship	\$50	\$34, sales
Star Ferry	\$10	\$40, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	21	\$21, sellers
Do. pref. shares	21	\$21.
Reliance	\$100	\$230, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$21, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	\$250	\$490.
Do. 18/10	24	\$4, sellers
Docks Etc.		
W. W. Dock	\$50	\$217, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$114, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$27, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$100	\$174.
S. F. & Co. Ltd.	\$100	\$148, sellers
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$30	\$34, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$34, sales
West Point Building	\$50	\$12, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	\$10	\$5, sellers
Humphreys & Co.	\$25	Ts. 117.
Shanghai Land	\$30	
Cotton Mills—		
Kwo	Ts. 50	Ts. 25, buyers
International	Ts. 75	Ts. 29.
Loan Kung Mow	Ts. 100	Ts. 160, sellers
Toyoko	Ts. 500	\$12, buyers
Hongkong	\$10	
Compasies—		
Amalgamated	\$500	\$100, buyers
Hu's Asbestos E. A.	122	\$4.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, buyers
China-Borneo Co. Ltd.	\$12	\$13, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$40, buyers
Dairy Farm	\$8	\$45, sellers
Geo. Leung & Co.	\$10	\$31, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$15, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$5	\$9, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$100, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$300.
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$25.
Hongkong Rope	\$50	\$100, buyers
L. K. Steam Water-boat Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$20, sellers
Philippine Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$9, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$60.
S. C. Ltd.	\$25	\$21, buyers
S. C. Ltd.	\$25	\$175, sellers
Taiwan Planting Co.	\$5	\$10.
Power Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$10.
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$7.
United Asbestos	\$4	\$4, sales & buy.
Do.	\$10	\$40, buyers
Watson & Co. A.S.	\$10	\$12, sales & sel.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$11, buyers

VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day of Month.		Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Day of Month.		Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
Tues.	15	h. m.	ft. ins.	Tues.	15	h. m.	ft. ins.
		1 2	5 7			9 4	1 6
		4 53 a.	5 2			9 59	1 6
Fri.	16	1 30 a.	6 4			11 10 a.	1 6
Sat.	17	3 38 a.	6 8			10 49	1 6
		5 12 a.	5 8				0 15
Sun.	18	6 14 a.	0 1			11 34	1 6
		8 16 a.	0 6			1 6	0 15 a.
Mon.	19	6 48 a.	0 6			1 50	0 12
Tues.	20	7 50 a.	0 6			0 22 a.	1 24
		7 16 a.	7 1			2 34	1 24
Wed.	21	8 40 a.	6 7			2 52 a.	1 24